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The following information on the Romanian 25X1X
90th Inf Regt in CLUJ (R 26/L 81) was secured:

1. Subordination: 18th Inf Div.
2. Location: Barracks on Nagy Budai Antal Street (formerly Doroban-tilor Street). The same barracks also housed the CLUJ military post headquarters under Capt Traian SAVULESCU. The 3rd Military District headquarters building was located on the same street, across from the barracks.
3. Officers of the Regt HQ: CO: Col Constantin MOTAS. He was promoted to the rank of maj. gen. in December 1948 and probably received another appointment.
Polit CO: Cap Constantin DOBRE.
Adm Officer: Maj NITAESCU.
4. Organization: Three infantry battalions, one artillery battalion.
5. Artillery battalion:
 - a. Quarters: New barracks west of CLUJ, on the outskirts of FLORESTI (R 26/L 80), south of the CLUJ - ORADEA MARIE (R 48/P 65) road. Besides the artillery battalion of the 90th Inf Regt, the 8th Alert Bn of the Gendarmerie and the 7th Hv Arty Regt were also located in these barracks.
 - b. Officers:
C.: Maj Dragomir POPESCU
Polit CO: 1st Lt Ion FURESAN
Adm Officer: Capt VULCAN.
 - c. Organization: Four batteries with a total personnel of 270 officers and EM.
6. Enlisted personnel: Excluding the artillery battalion, the regiment numbered about 1,200 officers and EM. Upon completion of the training period, soldiers of the regiment were frequently

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transferred to the Gendarmerie, the 9th Border Guard Regt and the division.

7. Armament:

"ZB" rifles

Romanian "Ortza" submachine guns
Romanian 82 and 80-mm mortars

1st and 2d Btry of the artillery battalion: Each with four Czech 75-mm field guns on wooden spoke-wheels (the guns were often jammed).

3rd Btry: Four 75-mm antitank guns on steel wheels with solid rubber tires; horse-drawn; although provided for coupling to prime movers.

4th Btry: Romanian 120-mm mortars.

The regiment was not equipped with any weapons of Soviet origin.

8. Means of transportation: The regiment was not equipped with motor vehicles. The artillery battalion had horses which had been purchased in the Banate in 1948.

9. Training: Numerous Soviet officers attended the division maneuvers of the 18th Inf Div which were conducted in the Coitate of BACAUAS (R 55/Z 80) from 1 to 30 September 1948. The second contingent of the 1925 class (including the reporting deserter) was inducted on 1 April 1948 and received a six-months training. Instructors for the subsequent recruits contingent were picked from the trained recruits. About 200 sailors of the Romanian Navy from MARE (R 55/Z 25) were attached to the 90th Inf Regt to receive basic infantry training.

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Comment:

a. Despite the age of this information, the report is forwarded as it contains valuable data on the organization and armament of the artillery battalion of a Romanian infantry regiment.

25X1X b. [REDACTED] confirmed the 90th Inf Regt in CLUJ. Having infantry components numbering only 1,200 troops the regiment appears to be below the authorized strength. The statement that the regiment had no weapons of Soviet origin confirms this project's assumption that no essential shipments of Soviet materiel reached Romania up to the beginning of 1949.

c. The reported induction of the first two contingents of the 1925 class agrees with available information. The data concerning unfit and deferred (para 9 and 10 of attached Standard manpower questionnaire) appear incredible.

d. The reported induction of only 60 percent of the 1925 class is incompatible with the present strength of the Romanian Armed Forces and Militia which are strong enough to require inductions on a larger basis.

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